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## TARIFF-RATE-QUOTA UPDATE September 13,1999 through September 11, 2000

U.S. Tobacco Imports Subject to Tariff-Rate-Quota 1/

Quota Recipients	1999/2000 Quota, Metric Tons	1999/2000 Imports, Metric Tons	Percent of
			TRQ Used
Argentina	10,750	10,271	95.5%
Brazil	80,200	43,328	54.0%
Chile	2,750	0	0.0%
European Union	10,000	3,728	37.3%
Guatemala	10,000	3,039	30.4%
Malawi	12,000	8,016	66.8%
Philippines	3,000	142	4.7%
Thailand	7,000	5,381	76.9%
Zimbabwe	12,000	2,351	19.6%
Residual 2/	3,000	3,000	100.0%
Total	150,700	79,256	52.6%

1/ U.S. Tariff Schedule line items subject to the tariff-rate quota (TRQ) include flue-cured and light air-cured tobacco, including burley, which are used in the manufacture of cigarettes for consumption in the United States.

2/ A TRQ of 3,000 metric tons is available to all countries, other than the 9 designated quota recipient countries, and is allocated on a first- come/first- served basis.

NOTE: The TRQ is administered on a September 13 - September 12 trade year.

SOURCE: U.S. Customs Service.

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